

of accomplishment in waste treatment. In several mill locations, the Company is cooperating with government authorities in constructing and maintaining waste treatment plants to serve both the mills and the surrounding communities. The Firm set a splendid example of public service within this decade when it underwrote \$4,000,000 of bonds to finance a waste treatment plant for three western Maryland communities and its mill at Luke and assumed 97 percent of the operating costs of that anti-pollution system. I am told upwards of \$10 million have been expended within the Company's Luke Mill for the establishment of stream pollution.

Despite the fact that it bears the name of another state, it is true, that the Company and our State of Maryland have gotten along famously for many years, and to the benefit of both, I might add.

However, there are other reasons why I am particularly pleased to participate in this Research Center dedication today. Increasingly, Maryland is becoming one of the important seats of scientific research the country. One of the major reasons for this reputation is just across the street, the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. The W. R. Grace Research Division is another close neighbor, and Hydronautics, Inc. in Fulton, Maryland, and many other famous names—in many fields of research—are within our borders. It gives me a great sense of personal pride to see this fine new paper research laboratory go into operation and add to Maryland's already impressive record of scientific innovations. In a sense, Maryland and West Virginia Pulp and Paper may be coming full circle today. From the first successful chemical pulp which transformed an industry to an advanced scientific research center which we all hope will start the cycle over again. To me it is significant that the State of Maryland was chosen on both occasions.

Although Mother Nature may have taken a helping hand in history, there can be no doubt that the decision to build this new facility here was a conscious one. I know from Mr. Luke that a great deal of study and investigation went into the selection of this site. A detailed survey among the Company's scientific personnel defined the ideal characteristics of the place where they would like to work and raise their families. This profile was applied to many areas, including two well-known university towns in other states. But Howard county met the test. Its pleasant country setting, proximity to Baltimore and Washington, D.C., easy access to many good colleges and universities and its central location were very attractive to the scientists. As well, the high quality of education and public services